

Adult Literacy Contact Centre



1-800-663-1293
1-604-684-0624

Vol. 2, No. 9
November / December 1989

NEWS

On November 24, the Adult Literacy Contact Centre Coordinator, Linda Hackett, was brought to Ottawa by the National Literacy Secretariat to take part in a one-day consultation of literacy resource centres supported by the Secretariat. The other participants at the consultation were representatives from:

- Association of Canadian Community Colleges
- Canadian Library Association
- Centre de documentation sur l'éducation des adultes et la condition féminine
- Centre de ressource pédagogiques franco-ontarien
- Dawson College
- International Council for Adult Education
- Metro Toronto Reference Library
- National Library of Canada

The main topic of discussion was the possibility of coordinating the information sharing function of regional resource centres. Two participants at the consultation already have comprehensive data bases of adult literacy programming and each proposes to coordinate literacy information nationally: the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (whose data base is housed at Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology, London, Ontario) and the Metro Toronto Reference Library.

For further information on the consultation, phone Linda at the Contact Centre.

Job Post

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is looking for a financial manager to work in the office approximately 25 hours per month. Duties include:

- Payroll
- Bookkeeping
- Tax reports
- Preparation of financial statements

Experience with computer accounting an asset. Send resumes post-marked by January 12, 1990 to the ALCC.

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of British Columbia. Its main purpose is to provide information, support and encouragement to potential Adult Basic Education learners who may be thinking about upgrading their skills.

#622-510 W. Hastings St.
Vancouver, BC V6B 1L8

PROJECT LITERACY UPDATE

PL Greater Vancouver
 Contact: Mardi Joyce
 The Learning Front
 217 Main Street
 Vancouver, B.C., V6A 2S7
 Phone: 662-7642

PL Abbotsford
 Contact: Wendy Watson
 c/o Fraser Valley College
 33844 King Road, RR#2
 Abbotsford, B.C., V2S 4N2
 Phone: 853-7441

PL Chilliwack
 Contact: Gail Newby
 Phone: 858-4913

PL Kelowna
 President: Betty Knox
 P.O. Box 1886, Station A
 Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 8P2
 Phone: 762-2163

PL Nanaimo
 Contact: Inger Weber
 120 Locksley Place
 Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 4S5
 Phone: 758-2743

PL Parksville
 Contact: Linda Perkins
 Box 42
 Parksville, B.C., V0R 2S0
 Phone: 248-2096

PL Victoria
 Contact: Linda Mitchell
 R.E.A.D. Society
 720 Linden Avenue
 Victoria, B.C., V8V 4G7
 Phone: 388-4721

PL Williams Lake Society
 Contact: Debbie DeMare
 718 Western Avenue
 Williams Lake, B.C., V2G 2J3
 Phone: 398-7285

The following is a list of new Project Literacy groups formed in the last month.

PL Kitimat
 Contact: Janette Camazzola
 Kitimat Community Services
 Phone: 632-2912

or

Diane Kozoris
 Library/ PL Liason
 11 - Margetts Street
 Kitimat, B.C., V8C 2L4
 Phone: 632-6321

PL Prince George
 Contact: Susan Hatfield
 SD#57
 1894 - 9th Avenue
 Prince George, B.C., V2M 1L7
 Phone: 564-1511 (loc. 446)

-First meeting will be held Jan. 12, 1990

PL Prince Rupert
 Contact: Sheila Lid
 1920 Atlin Avenue
 Prince Rupert, B.C., V8J 1E8
 Phone: 624-6698 or 627-7178

-First meeting postponed to the second Monday in January (Jan. 8, 1990) Prince Rupert Public Library at 8:00 p.m.

PL Sunshine Coast
 Contact: Diane Evans
 c/o Community Services
 Volunteer Action Centre
 Box 1069
 Sechelt, B.C., V0N 3A0
 Phone: 885-5881

-The group had its first meeting Nov. 15th. The next meeting TBA in Jan. 1990.

PL Terrace
 Contact: Larry Bolingbroke
 c/o Northwest Community College
 P.O. Box 726
 Terrace, B.C. V8G 4C2
 Phone: 635-3511 (Fax)
 635-6511

The initial meeting of Project Literacy - Terrace was held on December 1, 1989. Ten people attended including educators, representatives from community agencies, a newspaper reporter and a beginning reader. The group decided to form a non-profit society and to seek affiliation with the Literacy B.C. Coalition Project. The group's main recommendation is that a downtown learning centre be established in Terrace to provide basic literacy and English as a Second Language courses. Other goals will be to raise community awareness of the literacy issue and to coordinate literacy projects in the community.

The next Project Literacy - Terrace meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 in the Terrace Public Library. Everyone with an interest in literacy is strongly encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Larry Bolingbroke at Northwest Community College, 635-6511.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please let us know by calling the centre.

Conferences, Workshops, Events ...

1. Regional Learner Events

Once again the Secretary of State and Ministry of Advanced Education are offering support funds for regional learner events. Selkirk College is hosting the project. The purpose of the events is for learners to work together to plan an occasion to discuss concerns and issues relevant to their learning experience. Proposals are due by January 19, 1990. Applications and guidelines are available from

Patty Bossort
Box 117
Silverton, B.C.
VOG 2B0
Call 358-2391 or FAX 358-7900

Application forms have already been mailed to all program contacts listed in the ABE Directory published by the Adult Literacy Contact Centre.

2. Symposium: Partnerships in Workplace Literacy Programs

Plans are being made to host a symposium to discuss workplace literacy programs. This event will take place at UBC, June 1 & 2, 1990.

Anyone interested in presenting a discussion paper or holding a seminar, please contact Shirley Abrams at 263-5922. Further details about the symposium will be announced soon.

3. Festival - Munch & Mingle Time

The Westcoast Reader group is having a mini festival. The festival will include a choice of 8 short, practical workshops on creative ways to use the Westcoast Reader with ESL and literacy students, and a chance to meet presenters, participants and the editorial board of the Westcoast Reader. Space is limited, so register soon.

Date: February 3, 1990

Time: 9:00 am. - 12:00 noon

Place: Vancouver Community College,
KEC Campus
1155 E. Broadway,
Vancouver.

Workshop Topics:

- using Westcoast Reader visuals: photos, graphs, maps - Joan Acosta
- using The Westcoast Reader with beginning-level literacy students - Joyce Cameron
- teaching writing to advanced ESL students through rewriting for The Westcoast Reader - Dilek Cansin
- giving something back: preparing teachers' notes for The Westcoast Reader - Tracey Defoe
- developing and using communi-

cative activities with The Westcoast Reader - Jennifer House

- using recipes and gardening articles for language skills - Alice Kilian
- using The Westcoast Reader with Intermediate and Advanced-Level literacy students - Don Richardson
- creating and using games with The Westcoast Reader - Julie Weatherall

Registration:

Send a \$10.00 registration fee along with your name, address and telephone number(s) to:
The Westcoast Reader
c/o Capilano College
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, B.C., V7J 3H5



If you have any notices for upcoming newsletters, please send information to ALCC before the last day of each month.

RESOURCES

The Westcoast Reader

Two new teaching resources, a video and a teacher's guide, are now ready for ordering. The video is a 30 minute tape and the teacher's guide is a 55 page resource book of activities and ideas on how to use the Westcoast Reader. Order Form:

The Westcoast Reader
c/o Capilano College Bookstore
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, B.C., V7J 3H5
Phone: (604) 984-4972

Partnerships in Literacy- National Literacy Program Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada

The National Literacy Program was established by the federal government in September 1988 to support projects and activities developed in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, volunteer organizations, and business and labour.

Partnerships in Literacy - National Literacy Program is a booklet briefly describing some of the activities and projects funded by the program.

For further information, please contact:

National Literacy Secretariat
Multiculturalism and Citizenship
Ottawa, Canada
K1A 0M5

Tel: (819) 953-5280
Fax: (819) 953-8076

Our Own Words

In the October newsletter, we mentioned that copies of **Our Own Words**, a collection of ABE student writing, could be ordered from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Copies of this publication are now available, free, from the Contact Centre - 684-0624.

RIGHTS!

Rights! is a new board game that is designed to teach students of English as an Additional Language about their human rights. The game was developed as a project of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition, funded by Employment and Immigration Canada. Teachers of English as an Additional Language were consulted from the outset through to the classroom testing of the game.

The game format provides new English speaking learners with the basic understanding of their human rights in the areas of employment, housing, and equity issues.

Price: \$12.00 per copy plus \$4.00 per copy for postage and handling. For large orders, please phone and enquire about other arrangements for delivery.

To order the RIGHTS! board game, write:

The B.C. Human Rights
Coalition
#107 96 E. Broadway
Vancouver, B.C., V5T 1V6
(604) 872-5638

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre would like to thank the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Secretary of State for their continued support and funding.

This will be the last newsletter until January 1990.

Merry Christmas

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Next Project Literacy Greater Vancouver Meeting

January 26, 1990
9:00 - noon

Vancouver Community College
KEC Campus, 1155 E. Broadway,
Vancouver

There will be no meeting in
December

Adult Literacy Contact Centre Newsletter

Editor:

Cherie Layne

Design and Layout:

Lower Mainland
Society for Literacy,
publishers of Voices
magazine